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Re the Application of

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- ☒ 3. A partial English language Translation of one or more non-English language reference is attached hereto. See References 3-4.
- ☒ 4. WO 91/16528 A1 and DE 100 57 862 C1 are also cited in the attached corresponding English-language Chinese Office Action, but are not submitted herewith as they were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 9, 2004.
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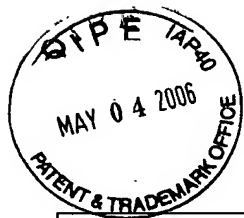
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